

No. 5:15-CV-00612-BO

Defendant.

SCHEDULING ORDER

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unless the party moves for and obtains amendment of this Order by the court.

The Plaintiff shall have until **March 15, 2016** and Defendant shall have until **April 15, 2016** to file motions requesting leave to join additional parties and to amend the pleadings. Nothing in this Order shall relieve a party of any requirement to obtain court approval prior to joining a party or amending its pleadings.

Supplementation under Rule 26(e) must be made promptly after receipt of the information by the party or counsel, but in no event later than the close of discovery.

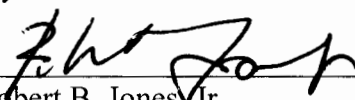
The parties are cautioned not to be dilatory in pursuing discovery. Motions for extension of discovery deadlines are not favored if they would require a continuance of the trial.

The remaining provisions of the Discovery Plan not inconsistent with the foregoing are approved and adopted as this court's Order.

The parties are reminded that on consent of all parties, and with the concurrence of the District Judge, this case may be referred to a Magistrate Judge for jury or bench trial, as appropriate, with a peremptory trial setting and the right of direct appeal to the Fourth Circuit. A copy of the consent form may be obtained from the Clerk.

This case is not subject to mandatory mediation, pursuant to Local Civil Rule 101.1a(b). However, the parties have agreed to mediate prior to the close of discovery and are also reminded that upon request, this court will assist with settlement negotiations or other alternative dispute resolution by making available a judge other than the trial judge to explore these possibilities.

SO ORDERED, the 22nd day of January 2016.



Robert B. Jones, Jr.
United States Magistrate Judge